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SPRING 2009 EDITION

ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERY  
SYNOD OF LIVING WATERS

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR PW EVENTS TO COME!

- 1) May – PW's Annual Birthday Offering Celebration, Contact [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org) or call 1-866-802-3635 for materials.
- 2) APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> – AL/MS Scholarship (The Margaret Callicott Memorial Scholarship)
- 3) July – PW's Annual Churchwide Gathering, Louisville, KY, July 11 through July 15, 2009, Register by May 15 for \$380; Contact: [www.pcusa.org/pwgathering](http://www.pcusa.org/pwgathering) or call 1-888-728-7228 ext 5844 (Scholarships are available).
- 4) July – Annual's PW AL/MS Conference, July 22, 23. hosted by First Presbyterian Church, Starkville, Mississippi
- 5) August – Fall Gatherings for all Clusters at one time! Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. **Moderator's** please make every to attend, and if you are not able to attend send at least one representative from your church.

Your directory for St. Andrew PW will be made available at this meeting.



SPRING GATHERING EVENT, MARCH 25, 2009

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2009-20010**

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Moderator's Message  
By Debbie Connolly

April 2009 Pipeline

Well, here we are, a year after I was installed as your Moderator in Tupelo, and I can't believe how fast it's gone by and that my term of office is half over. It's been a busy year with lots of events – Synod CT meeting, AL/MS planning (twice!), AL/MS Conference in Birmingham, Presbytery Council meetings, cluster gatherings. I won't bore you again with details, but it has been a busy year. Our Horizons Bible study from Luke has been great, and I just received my 2009-10 Bible study on Joshua in the mail yesterday, which leads me to the next topic of this message.

WE HAVE 2 GREAT OPPORTUNITIES this summer to gather with Presbyterian Women from all over the world. First is the triennial Churchwide Gathering in Louisville, KY July 11-15. As I told the ladies gathered in Batesville on March 25<sup>th</sup>, you don't have to be a leader in PW to attend the Gathering, and I have about 10 extra Registration Booklets that I would be happy to pass on – just give me a call or drop me an e-mail. The author of the Joshua study will be in Louisville to introduce this study, and then she will be coming to...

THE AL/MS CONFERENCE being held at First Presbyterian Church in Starkville July 22-24. I hope that every PW member in St. Andrew will be able to attend this event for at least one session. Phyllis Hicks from Providence PC is our Director, and has done a fantastic job of lining up some interesting classes and social events for us to enjoy – come one, come all!

Last but not least I want to talk about how the Internet has changed the way we communicate in the Presbyterian church and PW over the last several years. Just about everything that we used to spend many dollars in postage to distribute, can now be downloaded for free from the various websites. I urge all of you to check out the following:

**[PCUSA.org/PW](http://PCUSA.org/PW)**

**[PWSlivingwaters.org](http://PWSlivingwaters.org)**

**[standrewpresbytery.org](http://standrewpresbytery.org)**

With these 3 websites you can find out almost anything you need to know about Presbyterian Women, Horizons and the PCUSA in general. You can order materials, read newsletters, get addresses of PW leaders, download bulletin covers... well the list goes on and on. Now every member of PW, not just its leaders, have access to what's going on and can get ideas of how to further our mission in her own church and community. It's an exciting time to be a member of Presbyterian Women, and I look forward to meeting more of my PW sisters from around the world this summer. Won't you join us?

May the love of Christ be with all of you, Debbie Connolly

PW Moderator's Update  
Synod of Living Waters  
February 5, 2009

#### USING OUR HANDS

Last Spring I urged several Spring Gathering groups to "use your hands" to help others in Mission. We listed things such as preparing food and taking it to shut-ins, writing to Congress or Senate reps, driving folks to the grocery or doctor's appointments, and so on. Then came AL/MS, and I decided to donate some hand-crocheted necklaces to their Market Place. Later in the summer I gave another necklace to Dean Vandegrift, my hostess when I went to Birmingham for the Main Event. I had NO IDEA what would happen next!

Dean asked how to make the necklaces, and the next I knew she was selling them to raise money for the Presbyterian Congo Project. Her goal was to raise \$500. Before long, she exceeded that goal by \$100. At last count, she has raised over \$1600 and reports that the total is still growing!

The necklaces have become a wonderful mission project for me as well. One of my favorite experiences with the necklaces happened just this week. Our county was a victim of Kentucky's ice storm, and we opened a local shelter. One night I went to visit. Not knowing what there would be to do, I took a crochet hook and some yarn with me. Before I left I had made and given each of the 8 women in the shelter a necklace of her choice! A Red Cross volunteer later thanked me for bringing cheer to a group who had been restless and discouraged.

This necklace project seems to evolve and grow without conscious intention. It is truly God led. My prayer for all our PW is that we might follow God's lead in our work. There is no telling what He will bless your hands to do.

Mary Weber,  
PW Moderator  
Synod of Living Waters  
(pictured with  
Janice Kinard,  
Moderator Elect)



## **PW MISSION PROGRAMS**

We, as women of the church, and members of the Presbyterian Church (USA) have always sought to find ways to help others. We serve Jesus through our local church's by helping the community, we serve Jesus through our country's needs via Presbyterian Church USA programs, and globally through Global Exchange

The local clusters reported a variety of outreach efforts. November/December 2008 reports of PW circle members love/kindness through gift baskets and tender loving care to shut-ins, nursing home visitations, and local church ministry. Sewing missions created clothes for those in need in foreign country's. Food banks are stocked and supported by members of PW for the physical needs of others. Financial donations support seminary students, missionaries, parish nurse programs, Camp Hopewell programs, school programs, college students, etc.

No matter the task, women of the church always have their hands seeking to help others.

Our traditional PW missions have included the following:

**1) Fellowship of the Least Coin – Pennies do matter! –**

**St. Andrew Presbytery gave \$561 to this program in 2008.**

***PW Celebration of Christian Community***



Fellowship of the Least Coin links prayer and "least coins" in a very significant way, as the least coin becomes the symbol of prayer for peace and reconciliation. Fellowship of the Least Coin, an ecumenical prayer movement, was begun in 1956 by Shanti Solomon of India who believed that women anywhere could have a sense of being part of a worldwide family of faith as they prayed for peace and reconciliation and set aside the least coin of their country as a symbol of that prayer. As coins are gathered from around the world, they become a sign of our oneness in the common quest for peace, justice and reconciliation. May 2, May Friendship Day, is the traditional day for collecting the Least Coin Offering.

Grants are made by an international committee for special projects of evangelism, service, ecumenical solidarity, awareness-building among women and relief throughout the world. Presbyterian women are encouraged to participate in the Fellowship of the Least Coin. You may order copies of the Circle of Prayer, a booklet of meditations and prayers by women around the world, through Church Women United, by calling (800) 298-5551, option 3. [Download the Fellowship of the Least Coin prayer card.](#) Access the [suggested liturgy](#) for the Ingathering Service of the Fellowship of the Least Coin.



## 2) May is our Annual Birthday Offering

**St. Andrew Presbytery gave \$5144 to this program in 2008.**

The Birthday Offering is a PW offering collected in the spring of each year to celebrate the blessings in the lives of Presbyterian Women. The offering funds up to five projects that are not included in ongoing General Assembly mission support, such as agricultural development, child care, community organization, criminal justice, drug counseling, economic justice, elderly care, employment training, homelessness, literacy, violence and women's concerns.

PW in the Congregations (PWCs) typically collect the Birthday Offering in the spring and dedicate their offerings at spring gatherings. No giving guidelines are suggested other than "give as you are blessed." PWCs who collect the Offering should send their donation (as a check made payable to Treasurer of Presbyterian Women) with a [PW Remittance Form](#) to the treasurer of PW in the Presbytery. [Email Presbyterian Women to find out the name and address of your PWP treasurer.](#)

Individuals may also donate online.

## 3) Fall is Thank Offering Time

**St. Andrew Presbytery gave \$6143 to this program in 2008.**

The Thank Offering is a PW offering collected in the fall of each year that gives women a tangible way to express their gratitude for the special blessings in their lives. The offering funds projects such as agricultural development, child care, community organization, criminal justice, drug counseling, economic justice, elderly care, employment training, homelessness, literacy, violence and women's concerns. At least 40 percent of this offering supports health ministries throughout the world. The remaining 60 percent funds new creative ideas for mission.

[Learn more about the Thank Offering and current recipients.](#) [Give to the Thank Offering.](#)

## 4) "Wonder-filled Gift Cards: Rebuilding Homes, Reassuring Children, Restoring Hope."

PW has a great new project that everyone can participate in, even if you do not attend the Churchwide Gathering, it is called "Wonder-filled Gift Cards: Rebuilding Homes, Reassuring Children, Restoring Hope." The Wonder-filled \$20 gift cards will be collected in the registration area and will be given to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and

Bellewood Presbyterian Homes for Children. This direct and flexible use of spending power offers a way for people in need to get exactly what they need, when they need it. You can bring or send the gift cards by someone who will be attending the Gathering. The \$20 gift cards can be purchased at several national retailers, such as Wal-Mart, Home Depot, Lowe's, Target, or Kmart.

For more information contact: Martha Knichel, 3550 Plum Point Drive E, Olive Branch, MS 38654 or email at [mjknichel@aol.com](mailto:mjknichel@aol.com)

- 5) **MISSION HAVEN**“I go to prepare a place for you” **John 14 vs 3**  
\*Give and it shall be given unto you\*

**St. Andrew Presbytery gave \$1335 to this program in 2008.**

Mission Haven was born and is supported financially by Presbyterian Women in the states MS, AL, SC, FL, and TN. It is located on the campus of Columbia Theological Seminary located in Decatur, Georgia. Mission Haven's purpose is to provide a home for full-time missionaries when they return to the United States.

Mission Haven accepts people who have given their life to the Lord through missionary service. They have given their time, talent, education, and families - EVERYTHING. Upon their return to America, they have needs: (1) a place to live, (2) clothing, (3) their children need to be enrolled and attend school, (4) they need medical care for themselves. Christian volunteers at Mission Haven help them find a place to live, provide clothing, and assist their children's enrollment into local schools. They locate medical care and employment or support for future missionary assignments.

Your funds, your clothes donated, your household furnishings donated, and your time/talent to help upgrade and maintain the homes and families. Please continue to support this program through your local PW offering.

If you have any questions about Mission Haven, please email me at [Janice.Kinard@MS.usda.gov](mailto:Janice.Kinard@MS.usda.gov) or write to me at Janice Kinard, MS Representative for Mission Haven, c/o First Presbyterian Church, 307 University Drive, Starkville, MS 39759.



In addition to the missions noted above, the following are regularly supported by local PW throughout St. Andrew PW churches.

Local churches submit \$2.00 per active member by quarterly payments due January 1, March 1, June 1 and October 1.

Mission Pledge – Your donations for 2008 were \$490.

PW Honorary Life Membership (application provided by Vicki Schramm & application fee of \$95) – Your donations for 2008 were \$360 (five awards)

Palmer Home for Children (Columbus, MS) - Your donations for 2008 were \$100

Chamberlain Hunt Academy - Your donations for 2008 were \$50

French Camp School Support - Your donations for 2008 were \$10

Memorial or Recognition Gifts

Special Funds for Leadership Development of Women

Historical Foundation - Your donations for 2008 were \$110

Denominational Programs (I.E., Peacemaking Offering, Human Fund).

Mississippi Campus Ministry

Hopewell Camp & Conference Center - Your donations for 2008 were \$2541

Lighthouse Lodge - Your donations for 2008 were \$490

Clean Water U - Your donations for 2008 were \$200

Two Cents a Meal - Your donations for 2008 were \$47.33

AL/MS Conference - Your donations for 2008 were \$65.00

Church Women United

Miss Campus Ministry - Your donations for 2008 were \$275

Columbia Friendship Circle - Your donations for 2008 were \$75

Columbia Seminary - Your donations for 2008 were \$250

Louisville Seminary - Your donations for 2008 were \$451

Stillman College - Your donations for 2008 were \$10

Belhaven College - Your donations for 2008 were \$25

Louisville Seminary Bookends

Scholarship Endowment Fund (contributions used to increase awards to outstanding students @ Columbia & Louisville Seminaries)

Collection for any mission projects supported by St. Andrew Presbytery's PW  
Membership is to be mailed to:  
Vicki Schramm, St. Andrew PW Treasurer  
110 Kingston Ct  
Starkville, MS 39759  
662-323-2519 or email: [vschramm@bellsouth.net](mailto:vschramm@bellsouth.net)



AL/MS WOMEN'S CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Margaret Callicott Memorial Scholarship is available to any PW Member of St. Andrew Presbytery. Applications received by the Finance Committee of PW of St. Andrew Presbytery by **April 30<sup>th</sup> of 2009** will be considered and the award will be announced to the local PW Board.

Please complete the following:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number & Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Local Church \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a member? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a first time officer of your local PW Coordinating Team? \_\_\_\_\_

Will this be your first time to attend the AL/MS Conference ? \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a brief statement about yourself and your reason for applying for this scholarship?

Applicant      Sign & Date

Applicant's Church's Clerk or Moderator of Session sign & date

Please mail this completed application to :  
Vicki Schramm, St. Andrew PW Treasurer  
110 Kingston Ct  
Starkville, MS 39759  
662-323-2519 or email: [vschramm@bellsouth.net](mailto:vschramm@bellsouth.net)

## **EDUCATION & RESOURCES**

### **ANNUAL REPORT 2007 – 2008**

Roxene H. Atkinson  
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I presented a resource contact for materials for the current PW study guide of Jubilee. This information was provided to each cluster leader of St. Andrew Presbytery.

I provided Horizons order blanks and encouraged groups to order, use, and share Bible study helps as well as articles of interest to PW.

#### Report of Activities:

- 1) Presented an overview of Jubilee to four circles of First Presbyterian Church, Starkville, MS.
- 2) Visited Bethany Presbyterian Church, with Cluster Leader, for twenty-year celebration and presentation of Life Membership Award. I explained the pin's symbol and related how Rev. Lynn Miller – the pin's designer – was a member of the Bethany community.
- 3) I encouraged the award of Life Memberships. It is an honor for the recipient and the funds are used for scholarships through the fee of the award. The fee for the award is \$95.00.
- 4) I support Wendy Santez, a Honduras child, with emphasis on education.
- 5) I participated and encouraged other women to be part the following: Keenagers, circle meetings, Bible Studies, adult exercise sessions, and attend PW meetings in the training for leadership roles on the district and Presbytery levels.
- 6) I am a chairperson for the child care's weekly reading program. I also take time to read to the children of the child care.
- 7) I am a member of the church-wide Visitation Committee. I serve as a leader on the first Monday of each month for planning and assigning persons to visit local members in the Starkville and Louisville Communities. In addition to personal visitation, I make phone calls, mail cards, and remember those who have moved away.

#### Goals for 2009-2010

- 1) I will provide study helps and resources for the Joshua Bible Study.
- 2) I will place order blanks in churches for this Bible study and continue my efforts to support Horizons magazine enrollment.
- 3) I will continue activities listed above.
- 4) I will encourage all PW to avail themselves of all outreach contacts to further the activities of PW.

The next Pipeline Edition will be presented in the fall, after our fall gathering in August.

Moderators and Cluster Leaders, please plan to report any and all activities of your church's PW. Pictures are a wonderful addition to the newsletter.

Signed, Patti and Janice

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